REMARKS

With respect to the double patenting rejection over a co-pending application, it should be noted that both the co-pending application and the cited Hannah reference are all assigned to Intel Corporation. However, the claims of the present application are compared in the office action to the claims of co-pending application number 10/746,078. At this time, it is not possible to respond to the double patenting rejection because we do not know what the claims of any patent, if issued on the co-pending application, would be. Moreover, it is entirely possible that the present application would issue before the co-pending application. Thus, in the event that the cited application issues first or its claims are ultimately allowed, the Applicant could respond by distinguishing the cited reference or by filing a terminal disclaimer. Which course of action cannot be determined at this time due to the uncertainty inherent in the fact that the cited application has claims which are not yet necessarily finalized.

With respect to the Section 103 rejections, it should be noted that both the Zhang and Hannah references are owned by Intel Corporation.

With respect to Zhang, the present application and the Zhang application were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Intel Corporation.

With respect to the Hannah patent, the present application and the Hannah patent were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Intel Corporation.

Therefore, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), the rejections are overcome and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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